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REMARKS

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1. Between 9 and 22 September 1953, the Kavallerieschule in Krampnitz was occupied by an estimated 1,000 to 1,200 troops. On 15 and 16 September, about 15 to 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia practiced mine laying in a meadow behind the installation. At 7 a.m. on 17 September, about 1,000 troops and a military band had fallen in at the athletic field. At 7:45, the troops marched in review and repeated this several times. During the morning, groups of 6 soldiers practiced aiming on 4 x 57-mm AT guns, supervised by 2 officers. On 21 September, 5 x 120-mm mortars were cleaned. At about 4 p.m., an NCO and about 20 to 25 soldiers were seen filling straw mattresses. Building No 13 was no longer boarded up. A sedan and a truck were seen near the building. Several soldiers were in the building. ☐ they belonged to an advance detail. 1

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2. On 16 and 18 September, the Adolf Hitler Kaserne was occupied by about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. ☐ any training activity in the installation on 16 September. Two officers and about 40 EN, armed with carbines, were seen leaving the installation toward Bornstedter Feld, where about 50 soldiers received instruction on three radio sets. On 18 September, about 40 soldiers engaged in a ball game in the installation.
3. On 16 and 18 September, the Kriegsschule in Potsdam was occupied by about 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 16 September, about 25 soldiers received theoretical instruction in the barracks yard and about 30 soldiers not engaged in any special activity were seen at the athletic field.
4. On 16 and 18 September, the Hohenlohe Kaserne was occupied by about 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia. On 16 September, about 12 trucks and 60 soldiers were in the barracks yard.
5. On 16 and 18 September, the south section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. At 9 a.m. on 16 September, 10 empty buses, ☐

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25X1 [ ] entered the installation, while about 15 buses and about 30 trucks were in the barracks yard. Four soldiers carrying field telephones and cable reels left the installation for Bornstedter Feld. At 11:30 a.m. on 18 September, about 25 trucks were in the barracks yard. About 70 soldiers engaged in service of the piece drill on 7 x 152-mm field guns. Driving was practiced with about 10 caterpillar tractors.

6. Between 11 and 20 September, the south section of the Delius Kaserne was occupied to capacity. At 11:45 a.m. on 11 September, 18 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia received instruction on 3 x 122-mm field guns at Bornstedter Feld. Two officers and 60 EM marched to Bornstedterfeld, coming from the installation. At 11 a.m. on 15 September, two groups, each of 1 NCO and 12 EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and each group equipped with 2 field telephones, 4 cable reels and poles, were seen marching to Bornstedter Feld, where they received telephone training. At 9:45 a.m. on 16 September, 3 x 122-mm field guns were seen at Bornstedterfeld, each with 25 EM receiving instruction on the guns, supervised by 3 officers.
7. During the period under review, the north section of the Delius Kaserne and the Hohenlohe Kaserne were occupied only by a guard detail. At 10 a.m. on 15 September, 12 prime movers were seen in front of the vehicle sheds. Fresh imprints of tracks led from the Wildpark railroad station to the installation. However, only 11 windows were lighted after nightfall as previously. At about 9:45 a.m. on 17 September, driving school practice with the prime movers was performed in the barracks yard.
8. During the period under review, the Kriegsschule appeared to be occupied as previously. About 50 percent of the windows of the installation were lighted after nightfall. At 11 a.m. on 12 September, 2 officers and 35 officer candidates with maps left the installation for Bornstedter Feld. Two SP guns were in the barracks yard. On 15 September, 1 officer and 24 officer candidates wearing tank insignia left the installation for Bornstedterfeld. About 40 officer candidates received instruction on 1 JS-tank and 1 SP gun by 2 officers at Bornstedterfeld. At 10:30 a.m. on 17 September, 2 officers and 26 officer candidates were preparing military sketches in front of the installation.

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9. On 18 and 19 September, railroad cars carrying hospital equipment were seen at the Potsdam railroad station. [ ] a military hospital was being entrained. 3

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- 25X1 1. [ ] Comment. The information tends to indicate that the Kavallerieschule was occupied as previously prior to 22 September. [ ] Preparations for an occupation, as the filling of straw mattresses, make appear possible the arrival of advance details. [ ]
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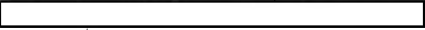
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prime movers presumably arrived for the 148th Gun Arty Frig (US)  
stationed in the Ludendorff Kaserne.

25X1 3.  Comment. Other reports indicate that the Potsdam-Hermannswerder  
hospital was entrained and   
transferred to Teupitz via the Halle railroad station   


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